

## Foreign Corporations (Out-of-State Entities)

Prior to transacting business in the state of Wisconsin, foreign (out-of-state) entities must register their business with the WI Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) or be subject to penalty fees – [www.wdfi.org/corporations/forms](http://www.wdfi.org/corporations/forms). Certification with the WI Supplier Diversity Program requires businesses, including out-of-state corporations and LLCs, be registered with DFI. See chart below for information on how to register Corporations and LLCs. All other business entities should contact DFI.

	Corporation	LLC
Form to Complete	<a href="#">Form 21</a> (Will need to provide certificate of status from home state.)	<a href="#">Form 521</a>
Filing Fee	\$100 + calculated fees from form.	\$100.
All Questions	Contact DFI Call Center: 608-261-7577, 7:45 – 4:30 CST pm, M – F. Email: <a href="mailto:DFICorporations@wisconsin.gov">DFICorporations@wisconsin.gov</a>	

- Your business will be registered as a legal entity in WI once the Form is filed.
- Each year in January, DFI will mail a postcard notification to your business’s registered office to file the annual report, which is due March 31st.
- To remain in good standing, an Annual Report must be filed each year. The Annual Report base filing fee is \$65, plus additional fees based upon Form information provided by your business.
- If entity has transacted business in Wisconsin prior to filing the form, there will be a penalty. The calculation for the penalty is on the document.